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KUMA et al.

Serial No. 10/591,439

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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF CUMENE HYDROPEROXIDE



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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 15, 2008. Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1-4, 6-8 and 13 are rejected as being unpatentable over Amadio et al U.S. 6,043,399 while the remaining claims are rejected over the same reference taken in light of a secondary reference.

As explained in applicants' specification and in the remarks that follow, the claims of this present application are directed to a procedure that is patentably distinct from the disclosures of the primary reference and this is especially pointed out by the examples and comparative examples included in the as-filed specification.

As the examiner correctly points out, Amadio describes that the oxidation reaction by oxidizing cumene can be conducted under the condition of higher oxygen concentration and also describes the preferable lower limit of oxygen concentration.

However, as described on paragraph 3, page 1 in applicants' specification the process as it was currently conducted used "air (with its oxygen content of around 21%) as the oxygen-containing gas (which offered at least two benefits) from the industrial standpoint of safety